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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE TO CANADIANS ON CSCE

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

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1. CANADIAN DEL INDICATES THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CANADA CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RITCHIE JUNE 10 TO POINT TO SLOW PACE OF CSCE AND SUGGEST CSCE PARTICIPANTS NAME HIGHER-RANKING DELEGATION HEADS TO SPEED DECISION-MAKING AND AGREEMENTS. SOVIET AMBASSADOR DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SUGGEST RAISING DELEGATION HEADS TO VICE MINISTER.

2. RITCHIE RESPONDED THAT GOC HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN ITS PRESENT DELEGATION HEAD AND PROVIDED HIM FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS DESIGNED TO ALLOW COMPROMISE IN NEGOTIATIONS. DELEGATION HEAD HAD QUICK ACCESS TO OTTAWA DECISION-MAKERS FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN CASE OF NEED. PROBLEM OF SLOW CSCE PROGRESS DERIVED FROM RIGIDITY OF SOVIET POSITIONS, NOT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATIVES
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DEALING WITH ISSUES IN GENEVA. RITCHIE NOTED THAT VICE MINISTERIAL RANK OF SOVIET CSCE DEL HEAD HAD NOT SO FAR ALLOWED HIM TO SHOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY IN MOVING TOWARD WESTERN POSITIONS ON DIFFICULT ISSUES.

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